GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1563
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Deployment of Dogs in NDRF
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a squad of 162 dogs is being raised by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to aid its personnel in rescuing people trapped under debris in the aftermath of natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the NDRF is training a batch of 162 dogs for their specialised Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) tasks under which the NDRF teams have to sift through mounds of rubble to look for life trapped beneath; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has an authorized strength of 168 dogs in different battalions to aid its personnel in rescuing the people trapped under debris in the aftermath of natural calamities. At present, the number dogs available in different squads is 148, out of which 83 are trained dogs and training is being imparted to the remaining 65 dogs.

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